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A grant of \$1,000 has been made by the board of church erection of the Presbyterian church of New York City, to the First Presbyterian church of Safford, Arizona, for the purpose of erecting a church building.

Artesian water has at last been struck at Benson, and at a depth of only 500 feet. This is certainly good news, as many thousands of acres of land lie along the San Pedro river, which with artesian water, will undoubtedly be taken up and reclaimed.

The California State Mining Bureau will, without charge, tell if certain metals or minerals are or are not in a sample submitted—that is, will make a qualitative analysis, but will not state in what quantity or proportion they exist in the proffered specimen. The department of the bureau answers about 1,200 such questions annually.

Mineral entries of public land can only be made under the mining law; in homestead entry residence is compulsory; desert land entry costs \$1.25 per acre—25 cents when entry is made, remainder when proof is made. There must also be an expenditure of \$1 per acre per year for three years tending to the reclamation of the land.

George Clikett, an old Tombstoner miner, and one of the most competent miners in this territory arrived in Phoenix yesterday from the San Carlos reservation. Clikett says that the biggest coal mines in the west are located on the reservation, and as soon as water gets more plentiful these coal properties will be extensively worked. The coal belt is 25x15 miles, and experiments with diamond drills have proven it to be an excellent quality of coal. A Penn-

sylvania firm has bonded several of these fine properties, and is getting ready to work them on an extensive scale.—Gazette.

United States Consul Mahin, of Reichenberg, Germany, under date of July 7th, 1900, says: "According to the business columns of a Reichenberg newspaper an Australian manufacturer, in his search for a cheap raw material for paper making, has successfully experimented with turf. It is alleged that from the cleaned and bleached turf fibre he produces a remarkably durable paper substance. This method is said to have been patented in various civilized countries and to be meeting with gratifying success. Paper of various kinds, pasteboard and paper boxes are now made out of turf and are declared to be of good quality."

The Engineering and Mining Journal of August 11th, speaking of the regulations of the General Land Office, Interior Department, says: "The law provides that 'any mineral lands in any forest reservation which have been or which may be shown to be such, and subject to entry under the existing mining laws of the United States and the rules and regulations applying thereto, shall continue to be subject to such location and entry, notwithstanding the reservation.' This makes mineral lands in forest reserves subject to location and entry under the general mining laws, in the usual manner. Owners of valid mining locations made and held in good faith under the mining laws of the United States and the regulations thereunder, are authorized and permitted to fell and remove from such mining claims any timber growing thereon, for actual mining purposes in connection with the particular claim from which the timber is felled or removed."

It is not beyond the possibilities that the fuel used by the

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United Verde company in the near future will be oil, says the Jerome correspondent of the Republican. It is also in the bounds of reason that the oil will be produced in the newly discovered regions near Mineral Point. The machinery for boring will be on the ground in sixty days, or less time. The history of the discovery is as follows: A party recently passed over the country two miles from the railroad, and detected the smell of petroleum in the breeze, which was blowing in a certain direction. Investigating a little he found that the smell came from a little hill and a flat mesa. Picking up some of the rock there he smelled it and found that it contained petroleum. He brought some of the formation to Jerome and gave it to Dr. Wood, telling him where he had

found it, and all the particulars. Dr. Wood took the rock to the assay office and had it tested. The assayer told him to bet a few dollars on the proposition. Dr. Wood sent a piece of the rock to California by a party who compared it with the croppings of the best oil regions in that state. The comparison showed that the Jerome rock was identical with the formation there. Everything being favorable Drs. Wood and Hart and their associates concluded to do a little boring. They took up some ground and sent for the machinery. Dr. Wood says that if they don't strike oil they might strike water, and that water would be pretty good. Oil is like gold, where you find it, and there is no reason why it should not be found in Arizona as well as in California.